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SUBJECT: RETURN TO POLAND OF TWO RFE EMPLOYEES

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1) ANDRZEJ SMOLINSKI AND WANDA SMOLINSKA WERE, AS PAP STATED, RFE EMPLOYEES. THEY WERE STILL IN MUNICH AUGUST 30, AND RFE LEARNED OF THEIR RETURN TO POLAND FROM RADIO WARSAW BROADCAST 2200 AUGUST 31.

2) SMOLINSKI WAS ECONOMIC ANALYST IN POLISH RESEARCH SECTION OF STATION AND WIFE WAS IN POLISH MONITORING SECTION OF RFE NEWS DEPARTMENT. SMOLINSKI DEFECTED IN VIENNA IN AUGUST 1965 AND WAS HIRED BY RFE IN JANUARY 1966. HE HAS WORKED FOR RFE EVER SINCE, OBTAINING SEVERAL PROMOTIONS. PRIOR TO DEFECTION HE HAD FOR SEVERAL YEARS BEEN ECONOMIC RESEARCH ASSISTANT IN OFFICE OF DEPUTY PREMIER EUGENIUSZ SZYR, AND HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORKINGS OF POLISH ECONOMIC POLICY WAS MOST USEFUL TO STATION.

3) SMOLINSKIS OBTAINED FIRST PAPERS DURING VISIT TO U.S. IN JANUARY 1972 AND UNDER RODINO BILL WOULD HAVE BEEN ELIGIBLE
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FOR CITIZENSHIP IN JANUARY 1977. LAST JULY 15 BOTH SUBMITTED

IDENTICAL LETTERS OF RESIGNATION, STATING "BECAUSE OF MY INTENTION TO LEAVE MUNICH I HAVE HEREBY TO SUBMIT MY RESIGNATION FOR THE WORK IN RFE." THEY INDICATED THEY PLANNED TO LEAVE IN SEPTEMBER AND TOLD COLLEAGUES THEY WERE GOING TO U.S. RFE KNOWS THAT SMOLINSKI HAD APPLIED FOR EMPLOYMENT TO SEVERAL U.S. CONCERNS, INCLUDING RAND CORPORATION.

4) RFE DIRECTOR WALTER TOLD US SMOLINSKI SUFFERED HEART ATTACK SEVERAL YEARS AGO AND, AS IS APPARENTLY NOT UNUSUAL AFTER SUCH ATTACK, HAS UNDERGONE OCCASIONAL PERIODS OF DEPRESSION SINCE THEN. WALTER ALSO SPECULATED THAT SMOLINSKI MIGHT HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT FRUSTRATED, FEELING THAT HIS TALENTS WERE NOT PROPERLY RECOGNIZED BY RFE. (HE MADE 825 DOLLARS PER MONTH, PLUS HOUSING, AND SHE 617.75) THERE WAS ALSO SOME CONCERN OVER FAMILY ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO -- WALTER THINKS PERHAPS FATHER IN POLAND WAS ILL.

5) RFE NOTED PAP REFERENCE TO SMOLINKSIS "VOLUNTARILY DOCUMENTING THEIR LOYALTY TO POLAND FOR SOME TIME", BUT DOES NOT KNOW WHAT USEFUL INFORMATION THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE, PARTICULARLY ANYTHING CAPTAIN CZECHOWICZ HAD NOT ALREADY PASSED. SMOLINSKIS WORKED WITH OPEN, PUBLISHED MATERIAL, AND NEITHER HAD ACCESS TO RFE'S SOURCES LIST AFTER CZECHOWICZ'S REDEFECTION. SPIVACK

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